

THE CONFERENCE

With the Eastern Indians, at the Ratification
of the PEACE, held at *Falmouth in Casco-Bay*,
in *July and August*, 1726.

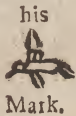
Falmouth, in Casco-Bay, July 16. 1726.

HIS Honour WILLIAM DUMMER Esq; Lieut. Governour and
Commander in Chief, in and over His Majesty's Province of
the *Massachusetts-Bay* in *New-England*, with a Quorum of His
Majesty's Council of said Province, Arrived here this Day, A
Number of the Gentlemen of the House of Representatives, and others
attending the Lieut. Governour, to receive the Ratification of the late
Treaty of Peace from the *Eastern Indians*.

On the 24th. Currant, His Honour received a Letter from *Wenemouett*,
Sagamore, Dated at *St. George's*, *July 19th. 1726.* in the words follow-
ing, *Viz.*

GREAT GOVERNOUR,
THIS Day we saw Your Express sent to Capt. Gyles, wherein you say you ex-
pect to meet us at *Casco-Bay*, but we insist on meeting at *Pemmaquid*, by
reason that *Casco* is so far, and it's now a very busy time with us, and we pray
you would Condescend to us in meeting us there, and we will without fail meet
you there; by reason you insist on our now meeting, we can't have only our own
Tribe, but we rather Choose to have those of *Canada &c.* with us, through whose
means we have been hindred meeting you 'till this time, We desire your Answer
with all Dispatch, and are now waiting here for the same: And lest the Vessel
thro' Contrary Winds should be detained, we have sent a Canoo with two Men, who
will bring us your Answer with all speed: We Salute You Great Governour, and
are your Friends, &c.

Wenemouett



Sagamore.

White

Which being Communicated to His Majesty's Council, they were of Advice, that the following Letter should be wrote in Answer thereto, viz.

Wenemouett, }
Chief Sachem, }

Falmouth, July 21st. 1726.
at Five a-Clock Afternoon.

THIS Day at Three a-Clock Afternoon, we received such a Letter from you by the Schooner, in Answer to Ours, as we could not have expected, because contrary to your Engagements in your Treaty; You say you expect us at Pemmaquid, under pretence of it's being a busy time, and the Difficulty of coming hither, you ought to have order'd your Business to Comport with your Engagements: We have been waiting here some days in Expectation of meeting you, to Ratify and Confirm the Peace according to the Articles Stipulated and Agreed on at Boston last Winter. Capt. Sander's who carries this Letter will tarry Three Days, and on his return you may if you please (by God's Permission) have safe Conduct & Passage hither with him, with as many as can be Accommodated on Board the Sloop, fully prepared to Ratify the Articles agreed on, which is what we justly expect, having not failed of a Punctual and Honourable Compliance of what was engaged on our part; we bid you heartily farewell.

Wm. DUMMER.

Which Letter was } John Wentworth
Signed } P. Mascarene.

Which Letter was accordingly Express'd per the Sloop Merry-meeting Thomas Sanders Master.

On the 23^d. the aforementioned Indians came hither, and waited on the Lieut. Governour, with a Message from their Sagamore Wenemouett, That they were sent to know whether His Honour was Arrived here or not. The Lieut. Governour Acquainted them that the Lieut. Governour of Piscataqua, and Major Mascarene from Nova Scotia, the same Gentlemen that were at the Treaty at Boston, were now with him here to receive the Ratification of the Treaty from the Indian Tribes: That he had received the Letter from Wenemouett their Sachem, and had wrote an Answer thereto per Capt. Sanders, but lest that should miscarry, he would send a Copy of it by them: And they having refreshed themselves, and received Necessaries for their Return, were Dispatched about Six of the Clock that Evening.

On the 29th. Wenemouett, the Chief Sachem, with a Number of his Principal Men, & others, arriv'd in Capt. Sanders Sloop, and on the 30th the Conference for the Ratification of the Treaty was Entred upon, and Concluded the Sixth of August, as appears by the following Pages.

Anno Regni Regis GEORGIJ Magnæ Britanniae &c.
Duodecimo et Decimo Tertio.

A T a CONFERENCE Begun and Held at *Falmouth*, in *Casco-Bay*, July 10th. Annoque Domini, 1726. for the Ratification of the late Treaty of Peace, had with the *Eastern Indians* at *Boston*, By and Between His Honour WILLIAM DUMMER Esq; Lieut. Governour and Commander in Chief, in and over His Majesty's Province of the *Massachusetts-Bay* in *New-England*, The Honourable William Taler Esq; John Wheelwright Esq; Elisha Cook Esq; Joseph Hammond Esq; Samuel Thaxter Esq; John Turner Esq; Thomas Palmer Esq; His Majesty's Council of said Province being Present.

The Honourable JOHN WENTWORTH Esq; Lieut. Governour, and Commander in Chief of His Majesty's Province of *New-Hampshire* in *New-England*, being attended by George Jaffrey Esq; Shadrack Walton Esq; Richard Wibird Esq; of His Majesty's Council of said Province. And Major PAUL MASCARENE, Commissioned by the Honourable LAURANCE ARMSTRONG Esq; Lieut. Governour and Commander in Chief of His Majesty's Province of *Nova Scotia*, or *L^e Acadie*.

On the One Part,

And

WENEMOUETT Chief Sachem & Sagamore of the *Penobscutt-Tribe*, Espegneet Second Chief of said Tribe, Edgeremouit, Soufack, Seconkii, Cesar Moxis, Geneket, Decemanbo, Scowees, Guillean, Vidlor Martyn, Hassangk, Seausseen Augustin, Stannezzes, Bartholomew, Francois Loron Jun^r. Francois Xavier, Louis, Paul Fetteremenit, Hassang, Jun^r. Arrexix, Jun^r. Pier, Soufack, Jun^r. Ateon, Chiefs and others, of the said Tribe of *Penobscutt*, as well in behalf of the said Tribe, as of all the other Tribes of the Indians, mentioned in the aforelaid Treaty, Seguaron, alias Loron, Arrexix, Francois Xavier, Mezanamoumba, Four Indian Delegates that Sign'd the said Treaty being also Present

On the other Part.

Lt Gover. & Dummer. S I Am very glad to see you here, You are all Welcome to *Casco*.

Indians. We come to wait on the Governour to know when it will be his

his Pleasure that we should see him again, in order for the Treaty. The Business requires haste, and the Governour has been here a long time waiting ; we want to have the Business over, that so we might get home again : All the Indians that are expected at the Ratification are now Arrived.

Lt. Gov. We will be ready at Three a Clock for the Treaty, in case you are ready, and it will suit you.

Indians. If the Governour will Fire a Great Gun when he is ready for the Treaty we shall know by that when to come off from the Island.

Lt Gov. We will Fire a Gun, and hoist the Jack at the Mast-head of the Commodore, for the Signal when we are ready.

Indians. It is the desire of our Ancient Men that the Governour would give Orders that all the Vessels in the Harbour, and Taverns on the Shore, may be restrained from Selling our Young Men any Strong Liquor, which may prevent Mischiefe.

Lt Gov. We approve very much of that, and shall give Orders accordingly.

Indians. We also desire that any Vessels that come in be restrained from Selling Drink to our Young Men, we want very much to get home, and desire the Business may be done.

Lt. Gov. How many Indians are there in the whole.

Indians. About Forty.

Lt. Gov. You shall be supplied with Provisions needful for you. Then the Indians withdrew.

Post Meridiem.

P R E S E N T

Lieut. Governour DUMMER, with His Majesty's Council of the Massachusetts Bay, Licut. Governour Wentworth, &c. and Major Paul Mascarene.

WENEMOUETT, Chief Sachem &c. of the Indians : Capt. John Gyles, Capt. Joseph Bane, Capt. Samuel Jordan, who were Sworn to the True and Faithful Discharge of their Office in Interpreting in the present Negotiation.

Lt Gov. of the Massachusetts Bay } *Interpreters,* You are now to Acquaint the Indians, that you have been Sworn well and truly and faithfully to Interpret in the Negotiation now depending.

Indians.

Indians, We desire that Capt. *Jordan* may Interpret to us, because we understand him plainest, and the other two will stand by.

Lt. Gov. There is here Present the Lieut. Governour of the Province of the *Massachusetts Bay*, and His Majesty's Council of said Province, The Lieut. Governour of *New-Hampshire*, with several of His Majesty's Council of said Province, and Major *Paul Mascarene* from the Government of *Nova-Scotia* or *L' Acadia*, and we are come Pursuant to the Treaty of Peace lately had at *Boston*, and to receive the Ratification of the said Treaty from you. We are ready to ratify the Articles of the Treaty on Our Part, and we suppose you are also ready to Ratify the same on your Part, and that's what we have to say now.

Loron, } The Lieut. Governour has mentioned the same thing that we
Speaker. } are come for, The Treaty we had the last Winter so far as it was then finished, There are none but the *Penobscut-Tribe* here at present, Others that we expected are not here at this Place, which is the Place the Government expected we should meet at, We sent Messengers to the other Tribes, and acquainted them of the time the Governour Appointed to meet, but that being so soon, they are not yet come, we sent to the *Canada Tribes* to come over to the Treaty according to the Time appointed by the Governour, but they have not come, they have sent a Letter, and two Wampom Belts, one to the Governour, and one to the *Penobscut-Tribe*.

Lt Gov. Who do you mean by the *Canada Indians*.

Loron. We mean the *Narridgwocks*, *St. Francois* & *Wowenock* Indians.

Lt. Gov. What do you mean by giving an Answer to the *Canada Indians* Letter.

Loron. The *St. Francois* Indians as we have said sent to the Commissioners lately sent to *Canada*, and gave for Answer, that this Government should go to *Mount-Royal*, when we Treated with them, that so we should all be before Our Fathers.

Lt Gov. What do you mean by the *Canada Indians* Letter, I never received any Letter of their's.

Loron. We mean the Belt that was sent.

Lt Gov. Do you mean by the Letter any thing that was said at *Canada* before the Treaty was held at *Boston*.

Loron, } We mean only what was said at *Canada* this Spring, nothing
Speaker. } before, When the Belt was sent to the Governour, meaning the *Canada Indians* Belt, there was Letters sent of the 30th. of June. & 1st of July from *Wenemouett* then at *St. Georges*, to desire that as the Governour was the furthest from the *Canada Indians*, that he would

send an Answer to *Wenemouett*, that we may both joyn in the Answer to the *Canada* Indians as we were Brothers.

Lt. Gov. You may go on, I would have you to say, all you have at present to say.

Loron. We tho't when we sent the Letter and Belt from the *Canada* Indians, that we should receive an Answer to it for Our further Proceeding, but instead of that we received the Governour's Direction to meet him here for the Ratification of the Treaty. As to the first Motions of Peace when we heard of it from the Governour we were very glad of it, and were ready to joyn in the Peace, and made Proposals in order to effect it, and particularly about the Lands, and the *English* quitting the two Houses, viz *Richmond* & *St. George's*, which the Government did not see cause to come into; if they had, we with the other Indians should all have come into a Peace before now, and there would be no Difficulty with the others; not that the Houses should be removed at a great distance, but that the House at *St. George's* should be removed to *Pemmaquid*, and that at *Richmond* to *Arrowick*, for the Trading-Houses. As for the *Penobscutt*-Tribe they are so careful that they will do every thing that is just, That there shall be no Breach or Misunderstanding for the future, but that the Tribes round about us might approve of every thing we do, it was further mentioned in the Treaty, that if any of the Tribes should rise or break up what was therein Agreed on, or lift up the Hatchet, we shall all joyn in Suppressing them, and so we now Agree. We have nothing further to offer now.

Lt. Gov. Besides what I mentioned at first, that the several Governments are come down to receive the Ratification of the Peace from you, There are Gentlemen here present from the Government of the Province of the *Massachusetts Bay*, to Prove the *English* Rights to the Land Eastward, pursuant to the aforesaid Treaty, so that you may perceive we are come fully provided to make good the Treaty on Our Part, according to the Articles Agreed on. That is all I have to say.

Loron. We have no more to say to Night.

Lt. Gov. To Morrow is the Lord's-Day, upon which we do no Business. On Monday we will give you an Answer to what you have said; and we will Order the same Signal when we are ready as we did to Day.

Loron. To Morrow is our Sabbath-day, and we also keep the Day.

Lt. Gov. We will take a Glass of Wine, and Drink the King's Health, and then you may Retire.

Monday August, 1st. 1726.

PRESENT as Before.

Lt. Gov of the } WHAT we have now to say is in Writing, I
 Massachusetts-Bay. } will give it the Secretary, who will read it
 to you, and you may have time to consider
 and give your Answer to it.

GENTLEMEN,

Before we proceed it is necessary that you give us a true and full Account why the Narridgwock Indians are not here, as you have engaged for them in the Treaty made at Boston which now lies on the Table: We have considered of what you said to us, at our meeting on Saturday last, and as to the Proposals of the Narridgwock & other Tribes, that the Treaty be held at Mount-Royal, we say that's its contrary to the Articles of Peace made at Boston, and therefore deserves no Answer, and you know that we always told you, that it was beneath the Honour of the English Government to Treat with the Indians in a French Country, and as to the Insinuations of the Canada Indians, that our Commissioners begun a Treaty there, it is not true, for our Commissioners were sent there to Demand of the French Governour in the Name of King GEORGE not to assist the Indians in the War against us, and also to Restore all the English Captives in that Government, which they declared to the Governour of Canada as soon as they Arrived, and that they had no other Business in that Country.

As to the Two Houses you except against, you may Remember you were told at Boston, that King GEORGE had a Right to build Houses where he pleased within his Dominions, and we have not built any Houses on Lands in the Eastern Parts but what we have Purchased, and are ready to prove the Title, and that the Houses mentioned were not kept for Offence after the Ratification, but as they were most Conveniently Scituated in the Judgment of the Government of the Massachusetts for Supplying the Indians, which we then concluded you had rested satisfied with, and you may depend that we shall not depart from that or any other of our Engagements: This is all we have to say to you at Present, if you desire it, it shall all be repeated to you over again.

Indians. We desire time to consider of what has been said, and we will make an Answer.

Lt. Gov. It shall be allowed you.

Wenemouet,

Wenemouett. When the two first went to *Boston*, we had not full Power to act, & to do for the Tribes, but when *Loron* return'd from *Boston* to *Penobscut*, then I sent a Young Man with him to *Arreraguntecook*, and they were all very ready to come into what the *Penobscuts* should do as to the Treaty, and we had full Power Delegated to us to act for the *Narridgewocks*, *Wonenocks*, and *Arreraguntecooks* and *St. Francois*, but the reason of the *Narridgewocks* not coming in is altogether as new to us as it can be to you.

Lt. Gov. Did the Belt come from the *Narridgewocks*.

Wenemouett. No they had no Hand in it.

Lt. Gov. We expect you will send us word when you are ready with your Answer to what we have said to day.

Wenemouett. We will let you know when we are ready.

Lt. Gov. If there be any thing we can be serviceable to *Wenemouett* in he may have it, I see he is not well. For which he returned his Thanks to the Lieut. Governour.

Tuesday, August 2d. 1726.

P R E S E N T as before.

*Lt. Gov. of the }
Massachusetts Bay. }* I Am ready to hear what you have to say.

Loron. We will now give our Answer to what was said Yesterday. And first give the Reason why the *Narridgewock* Tribe is not here, we shall be very Plain, and tell the Truth and nothing but the Truth why they are not here. We sent a Messenger over to the *Narridgewocks*, *St. Francois*, and *Wonenocks*, for them to come over here to the Treaty, to hear what was said, when the Messengers were got to those Tribes they discoursed 'em and deliver'd their Message to come over here, but the *St. Francois*, *Wonenocks*, and the *Narridgewocks*, made Answer that they would have the *Penobscutt* Chiefs with these Governments come over there to hear the Treaty, There were Six of the *Narridgewock* Indians came over to *Penobscutt* this Spring, they missed of the Messengers that were sent from *Penobscutt* to *Narridgewock*; then Two went back and Four staid till the *Penobscutt* Messengers return'd with an Answer from the *St. Francois*, &c. with the two Belts; the Four *Narridgewock* Indians that tarried behind would have come here and have been present at the Ratification, but the Belts being sent occasioned

occasion'd their not coming, When the Belts came to *Penobscutt*, we had Advice then from the Governour of the *Massachusetts* of his coming down to the Ratification, and the Four *Narridgwock* Indians told the *Penobscutts*, to go on, and what ever they did was all one as if they were Present, and the *Narridgwocks* after that went to *Canada*.

Lt. Gov Is this the last Account you have had of the *Narridgwock* Indians.

Loron. It's but a little while since they went away, and we have not heard from them since, The last Man that went away, when he went off he said he would go foremost to the *Arresaguntcook* Indians, & discourse 'em on the Message they have sent, expecting that the Government and the *Penobscutt* Chiefs will give an Answer also to the Belts as we are Brothers. This is what we Answer as to the First Part of what was said to us Yesterday. Now we proceed to make Answer to the Second Part of Yesterdays Discourse. Every thing of the Treaty is very plain to us, and there is nothing in the way excepting the Two Houses; in case they could be removed a little further in, as we mentioned Yesterday. The Governour was mentioning that he would Settle no Lands, but what good Rights & Titles might be set forth to, & in case the Lands were Sold, we have a Number of Young People growing up who never were Acquainted of the Lands being Sold, The Government is a Great and Rich Government, and if the Lands were Sold, they were Sold for a small matter, and Cost but little, and it would be but a small matter for the Government to make Allowance for them, and give them up.

Lt. Gov. What do you mean by making Allowance for the Lands.

Loron, We desire that no Houses or Settlements may be made to the Eastward of *Pemmaquid*, or above *Arrowick*, As for the *Penobscutt* Tribe in particular, we don't know that ever they Sold any Lands, That's all we have to say.

Lt. Gov. We shall be ready to make you an Answer to Morrow Morning at Nine a-Clock, and shall Order the Signal to be made for you.

Wednesday August, 3th. 1726.

P R E S E N T as Before.

Lt. Gov. of the Massachusetts. } WE have Considered your Motion, That we would remove those two Houses on *Kennebeck* and *St. George's-Rivers* a little further in, to which we Answer, That those Houses are on Lands Purchased by His Majesty's Subjects, which we are ready by Commissioners appointed by the Government

vernment of the *Massachusetts-Bay* for that Affair, to make evident to you, (altho' the *Narridgewock* are not Present) by producing fair Deeds under the Hands of the *Sachems* of those Countrys for the same, as well as divers Treaties wherein you Allow'd and Confirm'd to the *English* all the Lands formerly Possessed by them, which Commissioners are here present for that Service, Those Lands being for a long time since Purchased by His Majesty's Subjects, and the Property Vested in them, the Government cannot Disclaim them; And now as you have assured us, that you very well know all the Articles of the Peace which was made at *Boston*, and that you are ready to come hither to Ratify them, so we are also ready to receive the said Ratification, and now expect that it shall be done accordingly. We have no more to say, but to demand of you what *English* Captives you have ready to Exchange, Pursuant to an Article of the Treaty on that behalf. We have said what we have to say now, and will take a Walk out for a little time if you desire it, and give you an Opportunity of advising one with another here.

Indians, We thank the Governour, We are the smallest in Number and we will walk out, we can best bear the heat of the Sun, and the *Indians* accordingly retired.

Post Meridien.

Loron. We have been tho'tful of, and Consulted what was said to Day, and now will give Answer to it. We understood the Governour was tho'tful why the *Narridgewock* *Indians* were not here, We are also tho'tful, It is a Hindrance, so far as we should be glad they should be sent for again, We are of Opinion if they should be sent for they would appear here forthwith, the reason why we mention this is because we would be very careful in what we do in our Proceedings, that none should break in upon our Proceedings, we should be very sorry if any thing should happen amiss as to what we have done, we are not knowing that any are design'd or intend to break our Treaty, but we are very tho'tful and Concern'd that none shall do it. We insist upon the removal of those two Houses which was mentioned last Winter, we again make mention of them now, and if they were removed there would be no Difficulty among the Tribes. We can't find any Record in our Memory, nor in the Memory of Our Grand-Fathers that the *Penobscutt* Tribe have Sold any Land, As to the Deeds mentioned last Winter, made by *Medoccewanda* and *Sheepscut John*, they were not *Penobscutt* *Indians*, one belonging to *Mechias Medoccewondo*, the other towards *Boston*, If we could find in reality that the Lands were Purchased of the right Owners, we should not have insisted upon it, nor have opened our Mouths, we would not pretend to tell a Lye about it, for we know that God will be angry with the Man that tells a Lye, We do not remember of any Settlements at *St.*

George's, we remember a pretty while, and as long as we remember, the Place where the Garrison stands was fill'd with Great Long Grown Trees. As to the mentioning of Prisoners as we told you last Winter, we had not one in our whole Tribe, so we say now, we have not one Prisoner in our Tribe, if we had we would have bro't 'em in long before now, all the Prisoners we took as we took them they were return'd to *Boston*, or sent to *Canada* to the French, and those that are among the French we have no Command of; We mention it over again, that if we had any Prisoners we should have brought 'em in long ago, for we understand it that the Peace was Concluded at the Signing the Articles almost a Twelve-month ago, All the Controversy now is about a small Tract of Land, which is but a Trifle, and all is finished excepting that, which is a Trifle. We have nothing further to offer now.

Lt. Gov. What do you mean by having the *Narridgwocks* sent for, and that they would be here if they were sent for, Are they within Call do you know?

Indians. We believe if they were sent for they would be here some time this Summer, we know where they were left.

Lt. Gov. Where do you suppose the *Narridgwock* Indians are now.

Loron. We suppose they are at *Arreseguntecook*, *Wewoonock*, or *Saint Francois*, scatter'd among them Tribes.

Lt. Gov. The Committee for Claims are here, ready in the Presence of all the Governments here Assembled to set forth the Titles of the *English* to the Lands in the Eastern Parts of this Government.

Then the Committee made a Beginning to shew the Deeds of the *Sagamores* to the Lands about *St. George's-River*, and after some time spent therein, the *Indians* desired to refer the further Proceedings of that matter to some other time, when they would take an Opportunity to consider of it.

Thursday, August 4th. 1726.

P R E S E N T as Before.

THE Committee for Claims per the *Lieut. Governour's* Permission, had a Conference in the fore part of the Day with the Tribe, when they set forth the *English* Titles & Claims to the Lands in the Eastern Country, which may more particularly appear by the said Committee's Report. After which the Conference was proceeded in, *Viz.*

Lt. Gov. of the Massachusetts. You have been with the Committee this Morning, and I trust they have given you Satisfaction concerning the Lands in Dispute, and you may be assured that you shall always

ways have equal Justice with His Majesty's *English* Subjects in all Points, when ever any Difficulty shall arise concerning the Property of Lands or any other Matters. We have waited long eno' already for the *Narridgwock* Indians, in order to their coming to Ratify the Treaty that you have made for your Selves, and others your late Confederates, wherein you oblige your Selves to bring them in, or joyn your Young Men to reduce them to Reason. We now justly expect the Ratification, and accordingly tender the same to you now.

Lieut. Gover. Proceeded. *Inasmuch as I see you are not all here Present by a considerable Number, I expect you all appear to Morrow Morning, and be present at the Ratification, and what has been said shall be repeated to you if you desire it.*

Indians. We understand it very well.

Loron. We have been thotful of what has been said to us this Morning respecting the Lands, as well as what the Governour has spoken to us at this time concerning the Articles. We suppose you can't bring to pass what we have been proposing concerning giving way, We reckon the Governour was the first mover in bringing forward the Peace, and having a good Settlement among us, now we think we shall go beyond and further than ordinary to effect a good Understanding, As to the House at *St. George's*, which lies at our Door as it were, we submit that it shall be a Truck-House, and that no other Houses be built there or thereabouts, but that that House remain as a Truck-House for the *Pennobscut* Tribe. We desire Brothers as we have so good an Understanding together that there be no other Houses built there, unless it be by Purchase or Agreement, The Neighbouring Tribes have already told us that we should go on with the Treaty with good Understanding and Courage, and settle every thing, That if a Line should happen to be Run, the *English* may hereafter be apt to step over it, so that every thing they desire may now be Settled Strong. We are in hopes, Brothers, that what we have offered is to your Acceptance, This is all we have to say now.

Lt. Gov. Do you agree to bring over all your People with you to Morrow Morning to Sign the Articles for the Ratification, if you do, I shall then say to you, all I have to say in Answer to what you have now said.

Indians. We reckon we are all ready for the Ratification now.

Lt. Gov. What I shall have to say to you to Morrow will not be New, I have said almost the same to you already. which I shall say to Morrow, but if you desire to have my Answer now you shall.

Indians. What the Governour pleases.

Lt. Gov. I shall then put you in mind of what I told you just now respect-

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ing the Settling the Lands at *St. George's-River*, and that is, that you shall have equal Justice in all Points with the Subjects of His Majesty King GEORGE, either in Controversies respecting the Property of Lands, or any other Matter whatsoever, we don't suppose that any Gentlemen that come to produce or offer Claims of Lands there shall be their own Judges, but it shall be determined by Lawful Authority, wherein the Indians shall have the Benefit of the Law, equal with any Englishman whatsoever, and this you may be assured of, for we don't expect a Peace to last on any other footing than that of Justice.

Indians. We are very well pleased with what is said.

Lt. Gov. This is all that can be said to your last offer, and I should desire, no more might be said to me, if it were my own Case.

Indians. For want of that there has been Misunderstandings.

Lt. Gov. I hope it will never be so again, and I trust it won't, and that is the mind of the whole Government of *New England*, we hope this will be a better and more lasting Peace, than ever was made yet, and that it will last to the End of the World.

Indians. We hope it will and rejoyce at it.

Lt. Gov. Some Gentlemen have been in doubt, whether you have rightly understood me, in what has been now said to you, That is if there should be any Dispute or Controversy hereafter, between the *English* and you, respecting the Titles or Claims of Lands, and after a fair and lawful Tryal, if the *English* cannot make out and prove their Titles to the Lands Controverted, they shall disclaim them, but if the *English* can make out their Titles, then the *Indians* shall disclaim the Lands so Controverted.

Indians. We understand it very well, and agree to it, that it shall be so, the Controversies we understand are to be Determined by Impartial Judges, and disinterested Persons appointed for that purpose, to do equal Justice.

Lt. Gov. It is very well, I expect you to Morrow to ratify the Articles, and take a Dinner with me.

Friday August, 5th. 1726.

PRESENT as Before, And a Considerable Number of
Gentlemen &c. Attending.

Lt. Gov. of the Massachusetts. THE Articles of the Treaty shall be distinctly read, and faithfully Interpreted to you.

While the Articles were in Reading, immediately after the Article respecting Trade, the Indians by their Speaker *Loron*, acquainted the Lieut. Governour that they had been told the Prices of Goods would be raised when the Ratification was over.

The Lieut. Governour answered them, that they might be assured, that the Goods always were, and still should be, bought with ready Money, and that the Government would not make any new Advance on their Goods, and for a Proof of it, they would always be sensible and find that the Government would supply them Cheaper than any other People whatsoever, That they are Acquainted with the Nature of Markets, that they are sometimes higher and sometimes lower.

After the Articles were read, and the Interpreters had finished, *Loron* made a second motion, and informed the Lieut. Governour, that it had been reported that the Articles of Peace which were delivered to him, and the other Delegates at *Boston*, were not of the same Purport with those they Deposited and left in the Hands of the Government, and therefore desired that an Exchange might be made of the Articles they carried with them to *Penobscutt*, with those left in the Hands of the Government, in order to their being Enabled to confute such Reports: Which was readily granted them by the Lieut. Governour, to the apparent Satisfaction of the whole Tribe. The Articles being Interpreted to the Indians, the Lieut. Governour asked them whether they thoroughly understood them.

Indians. We perfectly understand them all.

Lt. Gov. It is Necessary to write the words of the Ratification before you Sign your Names.

Indians. May we not have a Copy of the Conference.

Lt. Gov. You shall have a Copy of it, as soon as it can be prepared.

The Ratification of the Treaty which is Endorsed on the Original Articles was read over Distinctly and Interpreted to the Indians in the Words following, *Viz.*

WE the Underwritten *WENEMOUETT* Chief Sachem & Sagamore of the *Penobscutt* Tribe, and Others the Chiefs, with the rest of the said Tribe now Convented having had the within Articles of Peace Distinctly and Deliberately Read over and Interpreted to us.

DO BY THESE PRESENTS in a Publick and Solemn Manner, as well for Our Selves as for all the within mentioned Tribes, from whom we are Delegated and fully Impowred, RATIFY AFFIRM and CONFIRM All and Singular the within written Articles of Peace To His Most SACRED MAJESTY KING GEORGE, and that the same and each of them be, and shall Continue and Remain to be, in full Force, Efficacy and Power to all Intents and Purposes whatsoever. DONE and CONCLUDED at *Falmouth* in *Casco-Bay*, before His Honour *WILLIAM DUMMER* Esq; Lieut. Governour and Commander in Chief of His Majesty's Province of the *Massachusetts-Bay* in *New-England*, and His Majesty's Council of said Province. The Honourable *JOHN WENTWORTH* Esq; Lieut. Governour of His Majesty's Province of *New-Hampshire*, and several of His Majesty's Council

of said Province, and Major PAUL MASCARENE, Delegated from His Majesty's Province of *Nova-Scotia* or *L'Acadie*, and the several Gentlemen that Subscribe hereto.

WITNESS Our Hands and Seals the Fifth Day of *August*, in the Thirteenth Year of the Reign of Our Sovereign Lord GEORGE, By the Grace of GOD of *Great Britain, France and Ireland*, King, Defender of the Faith, &c. *Annoque Domini*, One Thousand Seven Hundred and Twenty Six.

Indians. We suppose the Governour intends to Ratify the Articles he Sign'd to us at the Treaty.

Lt. Gov. Yes, I will Ratify them under my Hand and Seal when you have finished. Do you understand what has been Now Read, and Consent to it.

Indians. After some Consultation, We understand it well and Consent to it, and then WENEMOUETT the Chief Sachem with the aforementioned Chiefs and Others, set their Hands and Seals to the Ratification.

Saturday, August 6th. 1726.

P R E S E N T as Before, And a Considerable Number of Gentlemen and Others Attending.

Lt. Gov of the Massachusetts. } I Am now come to Ratify and Confirm the Instrument which I gave to you at the Signing the Articles of Peace, I have already Endorsed the Ratification on that I keep by me, and if you will give me Yours, the Secretary will Endorse the same thereon, which was accordingly Done, and is in the words following, *Viz.*

By the Honourable WILLIAM DUMMER Esq;

Lieut. Governour and Commander in Chief of His Majesty's Province of the *Massachusetts-Bay* in *New-England*.

WHEREAS WENEMOUETT the Chief Sachem of *Penobscut*, with Others His Chiefs, and the rest of said Tribe, Convened at *Casco-Bay* the Fifth Day of *August* 1726. Having Solemnly and Publicly Ratified the Treaty of Submission made at *Boston* the Fifteenth Day of *December* last, and delivered the same to me, which I have accordingly Accepted: I do hereby RATIFY and CONFIRM all the Articles in the within mentioned Instruments.

Given under my Hand and Seal at Arms at *Falmouth* in *Casco-Bay*, the Sixth Day of *August*, in the Thirteenth Year of the Reign of Our Sovereign Lord GEORGE, By the Grace of GOD of *Great Britain, France and Ireland*, King, Defender of the Faith, &c. *Annoque Domini*, One Thousand Seven Hundred and Twenty Six.

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WILLIAM DUMMER,

L. S.

By Command of
His Honour the
Lieut. Governour.

John Wainwright,
Clerk of the Council.

The aforesaid Ratification was Signed in the Presence of a Considerable Number of Spectators, Gentlemen, and Others, who Subscribed as Witnesses, and then Deliver'd to the Indians.

A Copy of the said Ratification was Endorsed on the Instrument Lieut. Governour *Wentworth* gave the Indian Delegates at the Signing the Treaty at *Boston*, and Publickly Executed by him in the Presence of the before mentioned Witnesses who also Subscribed.

Lt Gov. The Instrument that Major *Mascarene* gave you at the Signing the Treaty in Behalf of the Government of *Nova Scotia* or *L'Acadie*, will be Ratified and Confirmed to any Persons you shall send on your behalf to the Governour at *Annapolis-Royal*.

In Behalf of the Government of the *Massachusetts* I shall make you some small Presents. I am very much Disappointed when I come to see the Things which I design'd to make a Present of to you, for they are not so Good as I expected, but soon after (it shall please GOD) I arrive at *Boston*, I shall see the Great Court, to whom I shall heartily recommend you as good Friends, Confederates and Neighbours, Acquainting them of your Ready and Cheerful Compliance with your Engagements in Ratifying and Confirming the Articles of Peace made at *Boston*, which doubtless will have a proper Consideration, and therefore I shall be very glad then to see you the Chief Sachem *WENEMOUETT*, with two or three of your Principal Men attending you at *Boston*.

Then His Honour Ordered the Presents to be Delivered. And Proceeded, There were Two of your Young Men sent to *Canada* last Year, in the Service of this Province, I would see them, that I might make them a Consideration for their Trouble & Loss of Time in performing the Message, upon which only one of them, viz. *Loron's* Son appeared, the other the Sachem said was left at *Penobscut*, the Lieut. Governour taking two fine Firelocks in his

his Hand, presented one to him that was present, the other His Honour delivered to the Chief Sachem *Wenemouett*, desiring of him that it might be given to the other Young Man.

Lt. Gov. I design to Confer with you on Monday next to Consult the Common Good, so that there remains nothing further at present but to Rejoyce with one another.

Loron. We make bold to mention to the Governour one thing, that when we were at *St. George's* we desired a Vessel to bring us here, so as we are now short of Canoes, we desire the Governour would supply us with a Vessel to carry us back again.

Lt. Gov. I will take care that a small Vessel be provided to carry you back.

Indians. We are very thankful to the Governour. What Place does your Honour appoint we should Rejoyce at.

Lt. Gov. Upon the Rising Ground before us at the Point.

The Conference was Concluded this Day with Publick Rejoycing accordingly.

CONFERENCE Continued.

Tuesday August, 9th. 1726.

P R E S E N T the Lieut. Governour and Council of the
Massachusetts, And Major *M A S C A R E N E*.

WENEMOUETT,
Chief Sachem with
the Other Indians. }

Capt. *John Gyles*
Capt. *Samuel Jordan*, } Interpreters.

Lt. Gov. **W**E should have seen you sooner, but a great deal of our Time has been taken up in preparing a fair Draught of the Conference so far, and comparing it with the Minutes, our own Particular Business has not hindred us from seeing you before.

Good Friends, *Whereas the Articles of Peace now stand Ratified and Confirmed on your part, for and in behalf of your Selves and Others the Tribes of the Eastern Indians, particularly made mention of in the afore-said Articles, so that you and we ought to go about our Necessary & Lawful business, without the least hazard or danger from one another, touching Our Persons or Estates, and a Friendly Communication kept up and perpetuated*

among us : But inasmuch as the Narridgwocks and other Tribes, did not Personally appear at the late Solemn & Publick Ratification, We justly fear that the Inhabitants on the Frontiers will be in a great measure retarded, and put by from improving their Lands & Estates there on that Account, until the aforesaid Tribes do personally manifest their Approving and Consenting to what you have so Wisely & Maturely done for them.

We cannot therefore part with you without letting you know that it will greatly tend to your Good as well as our Peace & Quiet, to remove all suspicion of Mischief on this score, that the Beneficial Ends proposed by us all may be fully effected, and by the Blessing of GOD out of the power of any ill-minded Person to break in upon the same : We do therefore strenuously urge, that you let us know what steps you intend to take with those Tribes, and that you resolutely pursue and bring to pass what we now move to you, & justly expect your punctual and ready Compliance therewith.

Loron. As to what the Governour was mentioning in the first part of what he has now said, that the Inhabitants on the Frontiers will be afraid of making Improvements, it is also so with us, we are Concern'd since we have not seen them, We could make Answer to the Governour's Speech now, but we will consider of it till the Afternoon, and shall then be more particular in our Answer.

Lt. Gov. We will take care of Provisions for your Dinners.

post Meridiem.

Loron. We will now mention to the Governour what the Thoughts of the Chiefs are. The Governour was mentioning unto us to day that he would have us to say what we proposed to help those Persons that would be uneasy in the Frontiers, upon account of the Narridgwocks, &c, not being present at the Ratification ; Its the Nature and Custom of the Indians, whenever they send a Letter or Belt to any Nation, to expect an Answer to their Letter : when any of us write a Letter, we expect a full Answer to the Contents of it, altho' the Subject-matter thereof is not liked, we desire the Governour to mention what Answer he designs to send in Answer to the Belt, or that he would say if he desires it that we would express our Answer to it, We mention this because we understand it that the Belt was sent to us both, and therefore propose that the Governour would make an Answer first to it if he pleases.

Lt. Gov. A proper Answer from you to what I said to you in the Morning will contain an Answer to the Belt.

Loron. The Matter would be more weighty if the Governour would begin in the Answer.

Lt. Gov. I am ready to hear what your propose in order to joyn with you in the Answer to the Belt.

Loron. We will now make our Answer to the Tribes at *Arreseguntecok*, and our Answer unto them is as follows, *Viz.*

We say Brothers, we are not able to make you an Answer to your Belt, where-in you sent for us, because the time is past for our Ratification of the Articles of the Treaty. We say Brothers, We wonder you shou'd desire us to come over into that Country to Treat, which is a Place where we have no being. This Country is the Place where we belong to, and where the Treaty was begun, and where we think it ought to have been carried on. This is what we have to say in Answer to the Belt.

Lt. Gov. We will take it into Consideration, and desire you would give us an Answer to what we said in the Morning.

Loron. We have nothing further to propose, we shall have a Great Meeting in a little time, and shall agree what to say further to the *Arreseguntecoks*.

Lt. Gov. So far as you have spoken I take to be a proper Answer for you to make as to the Belt. I desire now you will say what Measures you propose to take, whereby the Inhabitants on our Frontiers may be made Easy and Safe notwithstanding the *Narridgewocks* &c. did not personally appear to Ratify the Articles of the Treaty, agreeable to what I said in the Morning.

Loron. As to the Inhabitants on the Frontiers, we would have them be very Careful, and as soon as we return home it shall be our first Care, to send to all the Tribes, that there is a Peace made.

Lt. Gov. Will you lay your Commands and Injunctions on the other Tribes for that purpose as far as you are able.

Loron. We will do our utmost to oblige 'em to live peaceably towards us.

Lt. Gov. Do you say you will resent it, if any Hostile Acts or Injuries should be committed against our People.

Loron. We will resent such Actions, and joyn our Young Men with yours in such Case, and Oblige 'em to be quiet and set down; We mean in Case any of the Tribes should rise against us, or resist us, we will take Effectual Means to set 'em down by Force. As to the first Treaty we reckoned

reckoned our Selves obliged to this, but we account we are under much more and stronger Obligations to do it now, since the Engagements Our whole Tribe have taken upon 'em in Ratifying the Articles of the Treaty, and shall take Effectual Care that any such Persons be Obligated to set down. Major *Mascarene* told us the Government of *Annapolis* would Ratify the Treaty if we would send any Persons there on our behalf for that purpose, we don't suppose he is now going to *Annapolis*, but when he Arrives there we would pray him to take care that that Government would send a Vessel for us to go there to Ratify the Articles of the Treaty, because the Bay is too bigg for us to pass over in our Canoes.

Major Mascarene. I shall write to the Governour who is now at *Canso*, of your Desire, upon my Arrival at *Boston*, and doubt not of His Compliance therewith, a few of you will be sufficient to carry the Instrument I gave you at *Boston*, to be Ratified by the Lieut. Governour or Commander in Chief, and I don't doubt but that those that come will be made very welcome.

Loron. We have something more to Offer. We observe that Capt. *Gyles* is Weakly and Sickly, and if he should be removed by Death, we desire that some body might be sent down to *St. George's*, to take care of the Trade, we think Capt. *Smith* a proper Person, not but that we think Capt. *Gyles* behaves very well in the Place; this we mention sides ways as it were. We have not heard any Answer to our Letter about some Frenchmen killing some of our People a great way up in the Country, we mention this because the Governour told us if any Mischiefs or Injuries should happen, we should Acquaint one another of it in order for Redress, We heard the Frenchmen were in Prison at *Annapolis*.

The Lieut. Governour Acquainted them that he had received their Letter, and sent an Answer to it, and then recited the Contents of the Letter, and also His Answer to it, both of which were afterwards produced and shewn to the Indians, and then acquainted the Indians that he had endeavoured by Examination and other Means to make out some Proof against the Frenchman mentioned in the Letter, and now under Confinement, but could find none, yet he kept the said Frenchman a Prisoner at the Castle, where he remained at our coming away from *Boston*. And upon the Indians desire that Justice might be done on him, it was answer'd by the Lieut. Governour, That His Majesty King *GEORGE*, by His Laws did not allow His Governours to meddle with Matters out of their own Provinces, but that all such Facts must be Tryed in the Governments wherein they were Committed, and this being said to be done, not in our Government, but in that of *Annapolis*, the Lieut. Governour said he would send the Frenchman back thither, where they might Prosecute him, and that they would have a good Opportunity

Opportunity of doing it when they should go thither to receive the Ratification of that Government, to which the Indians replied they were fully satisfied and content that it should be so.

Loron. Are the Indian Prisoners at *Boston* in Health ?

Lt. Gov. Yes they are all very well.

Loron. We desire to know whether it is expected that the *Penobscuts* procure any English Prisoners before the Indian Prisoners are delivered, we have before several times acquainted the Governour we have not One with us.

Lt. Gov. We expect you do your utmost Endeavour to have the English Prisoners Restored.

Loron. Is it expected we should buy the English Prisoners of the French ?

Lt. Gov. How do you understand that Article in the Treaty ?

Loron. As to the Articles we understand them fully, we have Acquainted the Governour we have not one Prisoner in our whole Tribe, we know of none, when we go home we shall send directly to *Canada*, and Acquaint them that we have made a Peace : The French *Indians* will then ask us presently, how many Captives have you brought away with you ? We shall answer none. They will say, how does it look like a Peace, when you have not got the Captives ?

Lt. Gov. What do you mean by sending to *Canada* ?

Loron. To *Arresguntecook*.

Lt. Gov. As to what you say, that you shall tell the French *Indians* you have not got any of the Captives, I have not told you that I would not deliver up the Captives, I design you shall have them all, I mean all such as are in the Hands of the Government.

Loron. We speak Truly, we have no English Captives in our Hands, but we speak for the *Indians* for those that are any where afar off, their Eyes are looking upon us, and we would willingly satisfy them as far as we can.

Lt. Gov. I design the Indian Captives shall be set at Liberty when I go to *Boston*, and *Saccarexes* the Hostage shall also be set at Liberty.

There were several Persons Attending whose Friends and Relations are in the Hands of the French, who were Recommended to the Indians for their Assistance in getting them Returned home.

Loron. As the Governour has Offer'd that the Indian Captives shall all be Restored and none kept back, so we say that we will make Search for any Captives that may be among the Tribes, and shall take care that

that they shall be Restored, and shall also do our utmost to get those Redeemed that are in the Hands of the French. We shall not forget it, we have given Our Words, and repeated our Promises and Engagements, and our Words are Written down, and they will appear afterwards against us.

Thursday August, 11th. 1726.

PRESENT as Before.

The CONFERENCE Contained in this and the Thirty-five foregoing Pages,* was distinctly Read over and Interpreted to *Wenemouett*, Chief Sachem of *Penobscutt* Tribe, and the others of said Tribe present at the said Conference.

Whereupon the Lieut. GOVERNOUR asked them, if they understood it, and whether it was rightly taken down?

The *Indians* Answered, that the Conference was rightly taken down, and not a Word missing in it.

Which being done His Honour the Lieut. Governour to prevent Insinuations of any Ill-minded Persons, and for the more full Satisfaction of the Tribe of *Indians* now Assembled, Subscribed his Name,

Wm. DUMMER.

And then delivered the same to *Wenemouett* Chief Sachem.

* The Original is contained in Thirty-six Pages in Writing.

After

After which *Wenemouett* with the Under-
written of his Principal Men Subscribed and
delivered the same to His Honour the Lieut.
Governour.

Wenemouett ^{Sachem}  ^{Chief}
Mark.

By Command of His Honour
the Lieutenant Governour, }

John Wainwright, Cl. Council.



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